

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in this application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended)

A dispensing device for paper sheets cut from a continuous band wound up in a roll (R), comprising

a case consisting of including a base (1) and a cover (3) , said cover being provided with a bottom opening (4) as paper outlet, ~~characterized in that it includes~~

a mechanism for automatically replacing ~~the~~ a finished roll (R) with a spare roll (R'),

a band feeding and cutting unit ~~of the type in which it is the pull exerted by the user on the tip of paper (C) projecting from the device that controls the~~ configured to control feeding of a pre-established length of band and ~~the cutting thereof of said pre-established length of band through a pull exerted by a user on a tip of paper (C) projecting from the device,~~

means for retaining the a starting tip (S) of said spare roll (R'),

means for the top hinging of said cover (3) to said base (1) , and

connection means suitable to turn a push on the cover (3) into a driving impulse for said feeding and cutting unit.

2. (Currently Amended)

A device according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the mechanism for automatically replacing the finished roll (R) ~~consists of~~ comprises a frame (20) rotatably mounted on a frame (8) of the feeding and cutting unit, said frame (20) ~~being provided on its of~~ the replacement mechanism has an inside ~~with in which~~ a first pivot (22) is provided that carries a pair of independent arms (23,23') carrying respectively the first roll (R) and the spare roll (R'), on the same internal side of the frame (20) there being provided a second more advanced pivot (24) that carries a plate (25) on which there is formed a cam (26) shaped with a horizontal top portion (27) and a rear vertical portion (28) connected by a substantially curved front portion

(29), each of said arms (23,23') being provided with a relevant peg (30,30') positioned so that it the relevant peg can follow the profile of said cam (26).

3. (Currently Amended)

A device according to claim 1 or 2, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the means for retaining the starting tip (S) of the spare roll (R') ~~consist of~~ comprises a rubber panel (17) with a cross-shaped cut (18).

4. (Currently Amended)

A device according to claim ~~2~~ and 3, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the rubber panel (17) is secured to a transverse plate (19) that is in turn mounted on the frame (20) of the roll replacement mechanism.

5. (Currently Amended)

A device according to ~~one or more of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 or 2, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the means for the top hinging of the cover (3) to the base (4) ~~consist of~~ comprises teeth (2) formed at the top of the base (4) and suitable to rotatably engage the cover (3), the ~~latter~~ cover being also connected at the bottom to the device body through a flexible strap suitable to limit its rotation and to prevent its lifting.

6. (Currently Amended)

A device according to ~~one or more of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 or 2, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the connection means suitable to turn a push on the cover (3) into a driving impulse for the feeding and cutting unit ~~consist of~~ comprises a pair of rocker arms (9,9') pivoted to the sides of the frame (8) of the feeding and cutting unit, return springs (11,11') for said rocker arms (9,9'), and pins (12,12') located at the ends of the rocker arms (9,9') on which internal projections of the cover (3) are rotatably engaged, at least one rocker arm (9) being provided with a toothed sector (13) that engages a gear (14) keyed on the main shaft of the feeding and cutting unit, the latter being provided with a non-return mechanism due to which a driving in the opposite direction is turned into a relative sliding of the engaged members.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently Amended)

A device according to ~~one or more of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 or 2, characterized in ~~that~~ wherein the cover (3) is provided with an inclined plane (15) internally projecting downward at the area of nipping of the paper (C) by the feeding and cutting unit.

9. (Currently Amended)

A device according to claim 8, characterized in that the inclined plane (15) is oriented so that its ideal extension arrives at the line of nipping of the paper (C) by the feeding and cutting unit.

10. (Currently Amended)

A device according to claim 8 ~~or 9~~, characterized in that the inclined plane (15) is notched.

11. (New)

A device according to claim 9, characterized in that the inclined plane is notched.

12. (New)

A device according to claim 3, wherein the means for the top hinging of the cover to the base comprises teeth formed at the top of the base and suitable to rotatably engage the cover, the cover being also connected at the bottom to the device body through a flexible strap suitable to limit its rotation and to prevent its lifting.

13. (New)

A device according to claim 3, wherein the connection means suitable to turn a push on the cover into a driving impulse for the feeding and cutting unit comprises a pair of rocker arms pivoted to the sides of the frame of the feeding and cutting unit, return springs for said rocker arms, and pins located at the ends of the rocker arms on which internal projections of the cover are rotatably engaged, at least one rocker arm being provided with a toothed sector that engages

a gear keyed on the main shaft of the feeding and cutting unit, the latter being provided with a non-return mechanism due to which a driving in the opposite direction is turned into a relative sliding of the engaged members.

14. (New)

A device according to claim 5, wherein the connection means suitable to turn a push on the cover into a driving impulse for the feeding and cutting unit comprises a pair of rocker arms pivoted to the sides of the frame of the feeding and cutting unit, return springs for said rocker arms, and pins located at the ends of the rocker arms on which internal projections of the cover are rotatably engaged, at least one rocker arm being provided with a toothed sector that engages a gear keyed on the main shaft of the feeding and cutting unit, the latter being provided with a non-return mechanism due to which a driving in the opposite direction is turned into a relative sliding of the engaged members.

15. (New)

A device according to claim 3, wherein the cover is provided with an inclined plane internally projecting downward at the area of nipping of the paper (C) by the feeding and cutting unit.

16. (New)

A device according to claim 5, wherein the cover is provided with an inclined plane internally projecting downward at the area of nipping of the paper (C) by the feeding and cutting unit.

17. (New)

A device according to claim 6, wherein the cover is provided with an inclined plane internally projecting downward at the area of nipping of the paper (C) by the feeding and cutting unit.